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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated 17 December 2001, the Examiner requires an election between what the Examiner describes as four groups of claims: Group I, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 19-29 and 40-49, "drawn to methods of providing and administering tooth whitening services"; Group II, claims 30 and 31, "drawn to a method of intraprocedure brand imprinting"; Group III, claims 50-52, "drawn to a network for providing services"; and Group IV, claims 53-58, "drawn to a method of collecting and disseminating tooth whitening client information." Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and authorize

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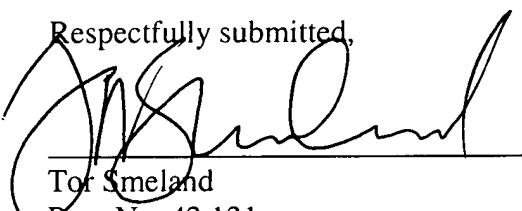
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charging Deposit Account No. 11-0171 the appropriate fee for such extension. Thus, this response is timely.

At this time, Applicants take no position as to the appropriateness of the restriction requirement. However, in an effort to facilitate prosecution, Applicants elect the Group I claims, (claims 1-5, 7, 8 19-29 and 40-49) without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,



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